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## Our SW Waterfront will host the opening ceremonies

### At last...it's time for the Cherry Blossom Festival

**A**lthough the snows of early March are still with us, we are soon to be consoled. The 15-day National Cherry Blossom Festival will open on Sunday, March 31 - right here along the Waterfront. There will be a series of events befitting this annual ritual.

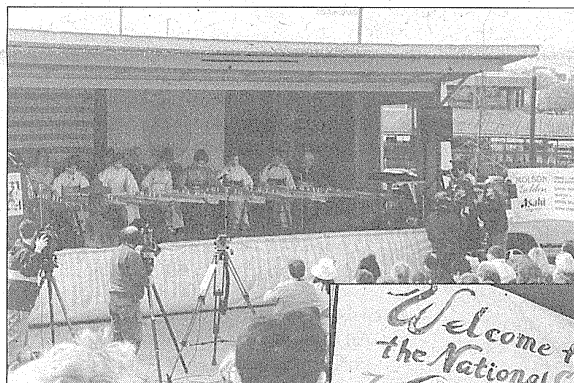
At 1:00 in the afternoon, the Honorable Kunihiro Saito, the newly appointed Ambassador of Japan, and Mrs. Saito, together with Kakako Tanaka, the Japanese Embassy Princess, will join dignitaries of the Barry administration and Councilman Jack Evans in opening the 1996 Festival. The location will be in front of the Spirit Cruise pier at 6th and

Water Streets.

Entertainment will be provided by the Koto Society of Washington, which is celebrating its silver anniversary. The highlight of the ceremony will be the crowning of the 1996 Festival Queen, Jessica Dawn Stoner. Ms. Stoner is a senior at the university of Pennsylvania majoring in East Asian Studies. Following that, the festival will

be officially launched with the traditional Japanese lantern-lighting ceremony. The public is both invited and encouraged to attend this celebration of Japanese-American friendship.

Actually, the festivities will begin somewhat earlier. At 10:00 am, the Sixth Annual Cherry Blossom Arts and Crafts Show will begin. Cosponsored by the Washington Waterfront Association and A. Salon, Ltd., this fun family event will be held aboard the Spirit of Washington, which is moored directly behind the ceremony platform. More than 25 artists, representing a variety of disciplines from traditional oil and watercolor painting to jewelry, baskets, and other crafts will be on hand to display their wares and offer them for sale.



*The opening event of a previous Cherry Blossom Festival...*

*Master sushi chefs demonstrate their skills...*



*Officer Brannum drawing caricatures*

### 100 lucky kids will attend the First Police District Summer Youth Academy...

**T**his worthy program, now in its fourth year, provides meaningful and positive activities for approximately 100 children between the ages of 7 and 14 each summer. The First District plans to supply transportation, lunch, and supplies, and hopes that the community will add its support to that of the various Southwest businesses.

Officer Theodore Brannum, a member of the Community Youth Services unit, will again offer his talents as a caricaturist in exchange for donations to this program, he'll be aboard the Spirit of Washington all day on March 31.

The academy will begin on Monday, July 8.

### SWNA elections will be held Saturday, March 23

**E**lections for officers of SWNA and Area Representatives will be held in the Safeway lobby on Saturday, March 23rd. There will be information about SWNA at the voting.

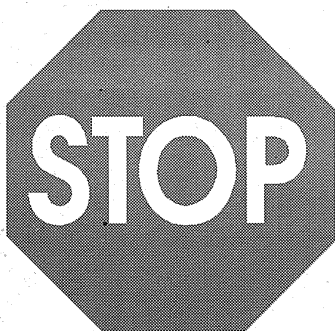
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## SWNA:

The Annual SWNA Meeting will be on Monday, March 25th at St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M St. at 7:00 pm. Awards will be presented for Community Participation and the Jefferson Chorus will sing at the meeting.





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## Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will speak at the USDA Graduate School

The consequences of furloughs, reductions in force and reorganization are being felt throughout the city. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will address these issues in a presentation entitled the Effects of Federal and City Government Downsizing on Washington, D.C. The event will occur April 12 from 6 to 7:30 pm in the South Agriculture Building (14th St. and Independence Ave., S.W.-Smithsonian Metro Station). Registration is \$5, call (202) 690-4280 to register or for more information.

## You'll have a chance to experience the art of sushi during the Cherry Blossom Festival...

Experience the art and delicacy of sushi at a demonstration by Japan's Master Sushi Chefs. Phillips Flagship restaurant on the Maine Avenue Waterfront, will hold the "Art of Sushi by the Masters" exhibition on Wednesday, April 10, 1996, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Twenty of Japan's master sushi chefs will exhibit their creativity and food artistry as part of the cultural activities of the 1996 National Cherry Blossom festivities.

The event is open to the public by reservation and there is no charge. Reservations must be made by contacting Honey Konicoff at Phillips Flagship at (202) 488-8515.

Phillips Flagship is located at 900 Water Street, SW in Washington, D.C. Phillips will offer a food and bar menu as well as sushi for those who want a full meal.

Sponsors of the event include The Molson Breweries Partnership distributors of Asahi Japanese beer, Sun Seafood, and Phillips Flagship's Sushi Bar. For more information, contact Honey Konicoff at (202) 488-8515.

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## SW Community Calendar March — April 1996

**March 23 Saturday** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly elections, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Safeway Store, Waterside Mall

**March 25 Monday** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m., St. Matthews Church, 222 M St, S.W.

**March 26 Tuesday** Councilman Evans Meeting with Public Housing residents, 7:00 p.m., Bowen Elementary School, Delaware and M Streets, S.W.

**March 27 Wednesday** Southwest Community House Public Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Bowen Elementary School, Delaware and M Streets, S.W.

**March 28 Thursday** NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library

**March 31 Sunday** Cherry Blossom Festival Art show, 10 a.m., Spirit of Washington 6th and Water Streets, S.W.; Cherry Blossom Festival Opening Ceremonies, 1:00 p.m., 6th and Water Streets, S.W.

**April 1 Monday** Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Executive Board, Southeastern University, 501 I St., S.W., 6:30 p.m.

**April 2 Tuesday** First District Citizens Advisory Council, 7:30 p.m., 1D Hdqtrs, 415 4th St., S.W.

**April 8 Monday** Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street, S.W.

**April 10 Wednesday** Cherry Blossom Festival Art of Sushi Demonstration, 7:00 p.m., Phillips Restaurant, 900 Water Street, S.W.

**April 11 Thursday** Cherry Blossom Festival Lunch Cruise, 11:00 a.m., Odyssey, 6th and Water Streets, S.W.; Cherry Blossom Festival Tree Planting Ceremony, 3:00 p.m., Fort McNair, 3rd and P Streets, S.W.

**April 17 Wednesday** Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter 4751

**April 22 Monday** Zoning Commission hearings on SWURP, 7:00 p.m., 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 220

**April 23 Tuesday** Bowen PTA, 5:30 p.m., Bowen Elementary School

**April 25 Thursday** NARFE Chapter 2052, 1:30 p.m., Southwest Branch Library, Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

(Please submit calendar items to  
C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284)

## Focus on Women's History Month

### A bit about Blossom Athey...

When Blossom Athey drives down several of the streets of our Southwest neighborhood, children run out to the side-walk and call out to her. She is the one they can count on to always have a kind word, some good news, or something interesting to plan on doing. Young people of all ages are one of Blossom's major interests.

Born in the rolling hillside country of nearby Darnestown, Maryland, Blossom grew up on the family farm. She remembers many young people from Washington coming for farm visits and also the discussions the family had as they made decisions about how much money would be spent on the family holidays and what would be shared with others.

These early influences may be what created in her an optimistic spirit, her sense of humor and her commitment to care-giving and working for justice. Currently her Friday evenings and part of each Saturday are spent guiding two programs for young people - the Triple F (Friday Film Festival) where grade-schoolers can enjoy wholesome films and discussion, and PEP (Plant and Earth People) designed to encourage junior high age youth to learn about living things, to have fun and to earn some money. Triple F is located at Westminster Presbyterian Church where Blossom has served as a church officer. PEP began at Westminster and now has a home with the Police Boys and Girls Club at Bowen School.

In spite of being involved with the above programs, Blossom continues to work full-

time at Covington and Burling law firm where she guides the social services arm of their legal services. In a book about the firm, H.C. Westwood states, "Blossom has become widely known among social service agencies in the Washington community. And there are Navajo Indians in the distant American Southwest who never heard of Covington and Burling but who revere Blossom Athey. In her, and her service, the firm takes greatest pride."

When the Neighborhood Legal Services Program was formed Blossom was loaned by her firm for a year and a half to help train others and set up the program. Again, she found time to begin a Night Neighborhood Center to provide information and referral service for people in trouble. When the Navajo Nation needed help in setting up an organization for legal services, the Office of Economic Opportunity requested Blossom's help. This she gave them during her vacation time in 1966 - and has continued over the years since.

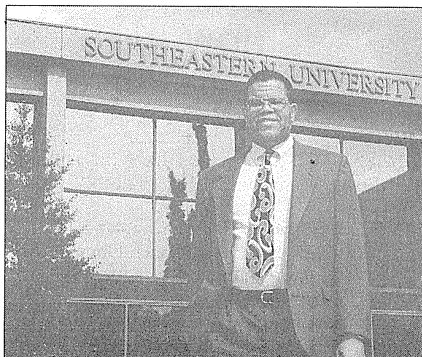
Blossom calls her education a hodge-podge. Starting out as a music major at the Washington College of Music, after interruptions of illnesses and accidents, she continued her

education with a sociolegal curriculum at night at a consortium of local colleges. She managed to be the trumpet soloist of the Washington All-Girl Orchestra and keep up with her community service volunteering all the while.

In and around Washington live the graduates of yet another of Blossom's enterprises - The Marching Tigers. When mothers said they needed tutoring, recreation and a safe place for their sons, and Blossom heard that an organization was buying new drums - she asked for the old ones and organized the "Tigers". Their schedule included performances at the Kennedy Center and trips to New York City.

As she nears retirement, she has accepted invitations from the Citizen Ambassador program to share information and expertise on trips to the Soviet Union, China and Israel.

Blossom sums up her interests in the words of Chris Roosevelt, whom she met in the 1960's, "It is important to have bridges between the rich and the poor." A multi-talented person herself, she believes the needs are so great, that whatever talent one has can effectively serve others. Despite her work all over the city and nation, she is deeply committed to our Southwest community. She perceives two problems in the way we work and live together. One is that many people serve "on every Board around" but few are actually working directly with the young people. Second, she wishes we were less "turf-conscious" and more cooperative in our community efforts.



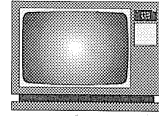
### Southeastern University will partner with Jefferson Junior High...

Jefferson Junior High school was honored to have Dr. Earl M. Mitchell, Interim President, Southeastern University, as the guest speaker at its 2nd Advisory Honor Assembly.

Dr. Mitchell and Ms. Vera M. White, Principal, Jefferson Junior High School, are putting together a Public/Private Partnership between Jefferson and Southeastern.

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## Odyssey will host the official Cherry Blossom luncheon cruise

Odyssey will be the site of the National Cherry Blossom Festival Official Lunch Cruise. Docked at the Gangplank Marina at 600 Water St., S.W. Odyssey will begin boarding at 11:00am. The cruise will depart promptly at 12:00 pm and return to its dock at 2:00 pm after a scenic cruise north on the Potomac to Georgetown.

Tickets for this event can be obtained by calling the Individual Reservations Department at 202/488-6000. The price for the luncheon cruise is \$40.00 per person, \$2.00 from each ticket will go toward the National Cherry Blossom Festival Scholarship Fund. Tickets are limited and reservations are required.

## There will be a cherry tree planting at Fort McNair...

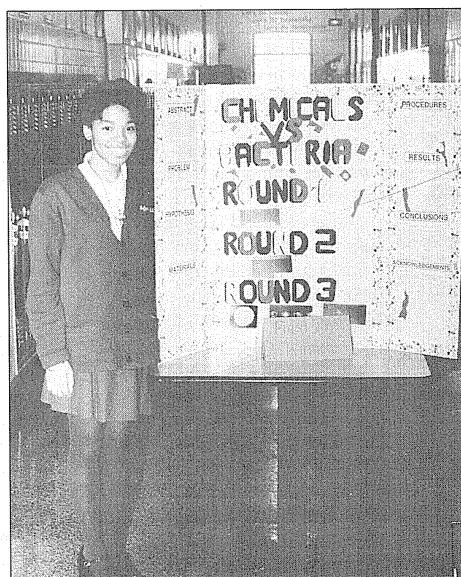
A tree planing ceremony commemorating the 1912 gift of the 3,000 Japanese cherry trees that were given to the American people will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, April 11. The new trees will be placed on the grounds of Fort McNair, at the point facing Haines Point, the site of some of the original plantings. Fort McNair welcomes the public, and will be open beginning half an hour before the ceremony.

## There's a new owner for the South Capitol Street shopping center...

On November 1, 1995, Olson Limited Partnership III purchased the South Capitol Street Shopping Center from First Union National Bank. The Shopping Center was built in 1987 and is made up of three buildings on South Capitol Street between M and N Streets, S.W. Four of the nine retail spaces are occupied and negotiations are in the process for several others. This will create job opportunities and the owners have agreed to

make a concentrated effort to seek residents in the area for job opportunities.

To date, numerous improvements have been made: roof repairs, trees trimmed, three additional flood lights were added to the front of each building and one to the rear of each. Also, security lights were repaired and covers were replaced, as needed. The additional lighting should increase security for the Center.

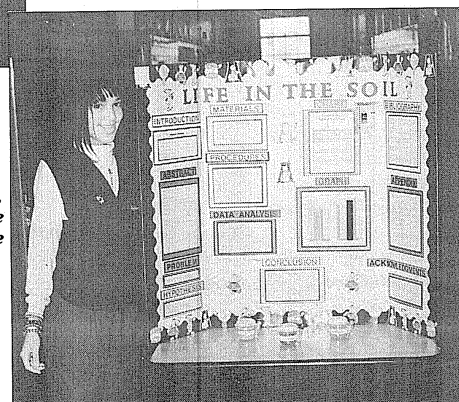


*Christine Harris, biochemistry*

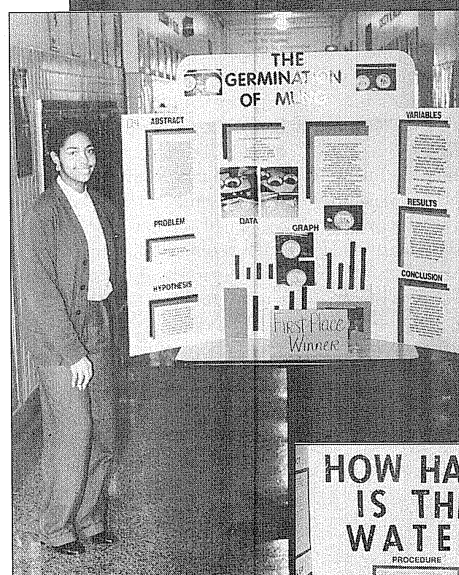
## Southeastern University parking at Waterside Mall...

Arrangements have been made for students at Southeastern University to park at Waterside Mall on the week-ends. Plans are underway to secure parking for the students on weekday evenings. Southeastern University is aware of the "parking problem" that their students create for the neighbors. It is their hope that their efforts will alleviate this problem.

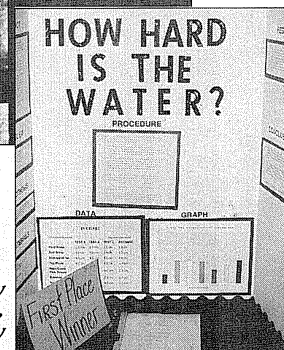
*Tiane Johnson, earth and space science*



*Tiffany Fonseca, botany*

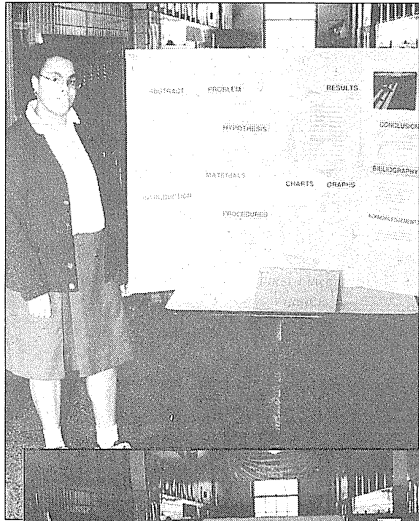


*Tiffany McWane, chemistry*

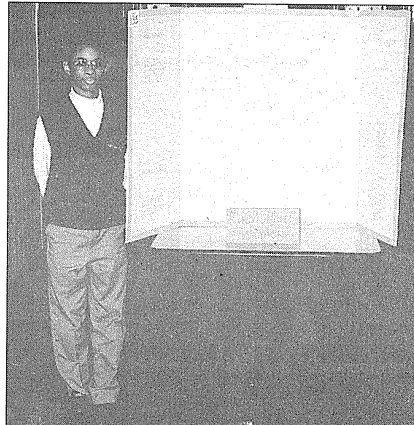


# The Jefferson High Science Fair winners...

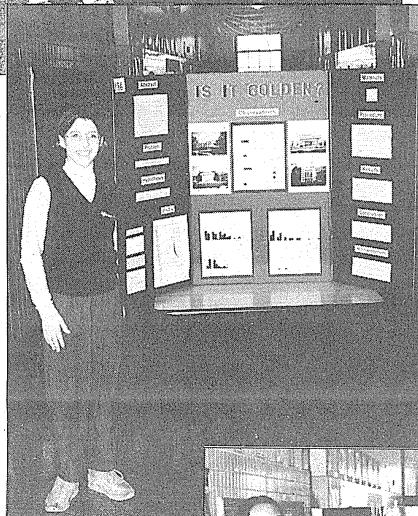
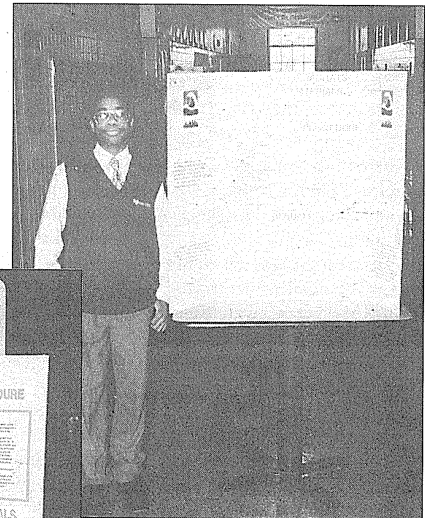




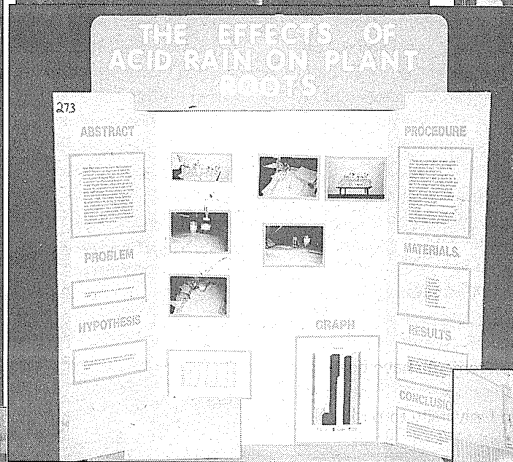
*Nicole Thompson, zoology  
Brian Tildon, computers*



*Christopher Robinson, engineering*

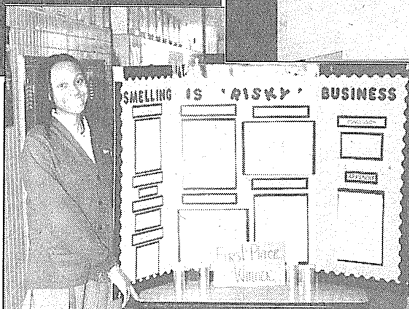


*Erica Johnson,  
mathematics*

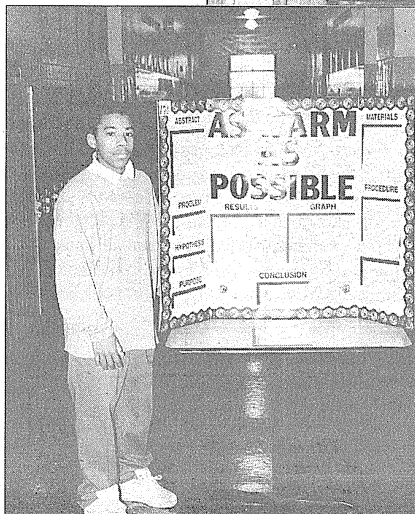
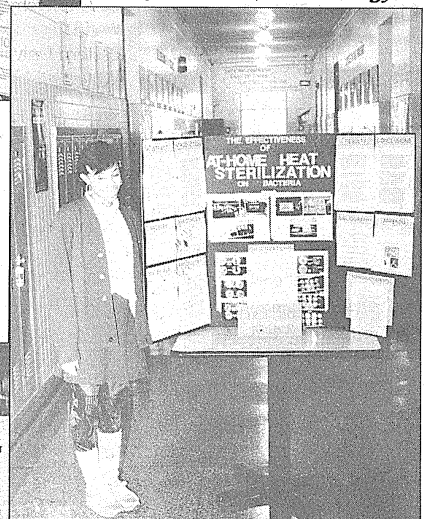


*Fairley McCaskill, microbiology*

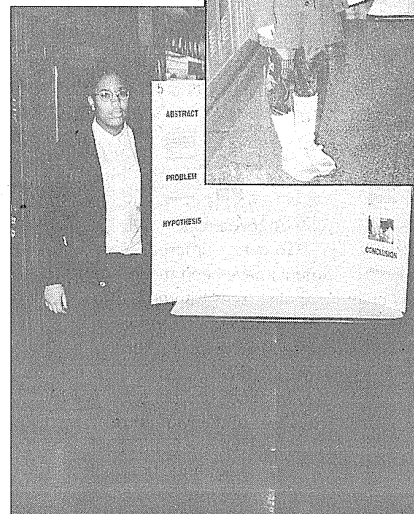
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Francis,  
medicine and  
health*



*Calvin Wingfield's  
project on  
acid rain.*



*Shenora Plenty,  
behavioral and  
social sciences*



*Derrick Perry,  
physics*

## Public housing and safety were the focus of our recent Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting...

**P**resident Beryl Rice introduced First Police District Commander, Alfred J. Broadbent. He spoke about his plans as commander. Community concerns expressed were: lighting, drug activity in the neighborhood and lack of police presence. The Commander's phone number is 727-4586. Because of other meetings on this night, the commander could only stay for a short time, the Assembly hopes to have him come back soon.

Vice-President Marc Weiss introduce Mr. Bill Knox, a top deputy in the D.C. Housing Authority. Mr. Knox explained the plans to provide mixed use of low rise apartments, town houses and home owner sites in public housing throughout the city. He then described the immediate changes to be expected here in SW. Beginning in March, Greenleaf Gardens will be renovated as a demonstration site. It will be called an "Occupied Unit Rehabilitation Program." It will take four months to complete the work and residents will not be moved while the work is in progress. Landscaping, management, maintenance, and

major systems repair and replacement are all part of the plan for renovation. Should you wish to contact Mr. Knox, his number is 535-1471.

Under the new Housing Authority, there is a Director of Public Safety. He is Mr. Robert White. He can be reached at 535-1500. He described the plan to maintain a public housing police unit. This will require legislation, but, in the meantime, residents will be hired and trained to provide security.

After questions from the floor, Mr. Knox and Mr. White stressed that every resident for

public housing must go through an orientation program and that managers will be required to inspect every unit twice a year. Two failures to maintain standards will result in eviction.

There was a report from the Nominating Committee - which is outlined on this page. There were several announcements.

We wish to welcome Rev. Ruth Hamilton and her co-pastor husband, Brian to Westminster Presbyterian Church. This was their first SWNA meeting, they just moved to SW.

## Wiley Branton annual meeting

The President, David Brewer opened the annual meeting of the Wiley Branton SW/near SE Community Development Corporation.

Other members of CDCS in the area spoke. They were Lloyd Smith, Marshall Heights, Albert "Butch" Hopkins, Anacostia Economic Development Corporation and Robert Moore, Development Corporation of Columbia.

Frank Miles, Department Officer at GSA spoke about the Southeast Federal Center Project which would be at the Navy Yard Site.

Elections were held later in the evening. Newly elected officers were Juanita Lyle, Judi Ponds, Dorothy Bryant and Constance Smallwood.

David Brewer, President and Marc Weiss, Vice-president will be continuing.

## Our public safety...

by Harold Mitchell

**M**uch of the emphasis that night was on creating a safer community for all. The two speakers on safety were Inspector Alfred Broadbent, Commander of the First District Police Department and Robert White, Director of Public Safety, Office of the Mayor.

Bill Knox, a top deputy at the Department of Housing, Office of the Mayor, spoke on public housing. Afterwards, I spoke by phone with the Inspector and Mr. White.

Inspector Broadbent devised a two-point plan to curb the crime on our streets. First, he would like to build stronger long-term investigations through surveillance. This strategy will enable the police to accumulate numerous charges against suspects, thereby keeping criminals locked up for longer periods of time. The traditional method of arresting suspects often resulted in consequences too sorrowful to recount.

Secondly, Inspector Broadbent wants to establish a partnership with the community. He wants the citizens of Southwest to become much more involved. "We need citizens to pick up the phone and report - soft intelligence - any suspicious behavior to the vice department, (202) 727-4607," he said. "By providing this intelligence, the police can maintain a greater presence in the community," he added.

For almost a year, Robert White has been at the helm of Public Safety. He suggests emphatically: "The community and the police force must establish a holistic approach to crime. All the pieces of the puzzle must work together to have greater long-term effects."

At the meeting, all the speakers had one centralized theme: citizen involvement. Fundamentally, it is the collective responsibility of all members of the Southwest community to construct models for social change.

"Communities that work as one, achieve greater success," said Mr. White. Everyone in the community who wants to see an end to crime must begin to form citizen coalitions. It is time to take an adversarial stance towards the persistence of crime in the community. No one has the luxury to not be involved.

The belief that the police can do it by themselves is more illusory than real. There have been numerous attempts by the police department at remedying the crime rate in the community. However, in a city with budget cuts and increasing limited resources, there will never be enough manpower or programs to meet the needs of the community.

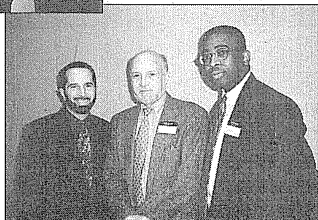
## You're invited to the Southwest Community House Public Town Meeting

**T**he Southwest Community House will be holding a public 'town meeting' to afford the community an opportunity to discuss community needs with the staff and Board of Directors, as well as various local officials. Staff of the SWCH will present its program plans. Representatives of the city-wide United Planning Organization will also make a presentation.

The Town Meeting will take place at the Bowen School cafeteria (enter on M Street) at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 1996. Please come out and contribute your ideas and comments.



**Juanita Lyle,  
Judi Ponds,  
Dorothy Bryant  
Constance  
Smallwood**



**Marc Weiss  
Lloyd Smith,  
David Brewer**

## Election of SWNA Board Members

There will be an election of officers for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA); as well as, candidates for District Representatives on Saturday on March 23rd in the lobby of the Safeway.

Residents of SW can vote for any of these candidates for officers or can write-in names for these slots. All write-ins will be authenticated.

**Candidates for officers are:**

### President - Dr. Beryl Rice

Current President of SWNA. Retired Social Worker. Is currently a part-time faculty member at Howard University and is Project Manager of "Adopt a School." She is interested in the youth, especially in preparation for work. She is interested in developing more ways to engage youth in the SWNA.

### Vice President - Dr. Marc

**A. Weiss** Present Vice President of SWNA, member of Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation, Special Assistant to Secretary, Housing & Urban Development. Is interested in community development. Would like to see more done in the area of urban and economic development, author

**Secretary - Rev. Jeanne MacKenzie** Present SWNA Secretary. Former pastor of Westminster Church.

**Treasurer - Lonnie Murray** Current SWNA Treasurer, has served 5 terms. Treasurer of the Harbor Square Board. He has been involved in the community for more than 23 years. He is a Consultant and real estate developer. Wants to assist more people in getting involved.

## D.C. Office of Planning will hold a community meeting to discuss amendments to the DC Comprehensive Plan...

The Office of Planning, on behalf of Mayor Barry, is initiating the quadrennial process to amend the District (local) elements of the Comprehensive Plan for the National Capital. All members of the District of Columbia community will have the opportunity to propose amendments and have their ideas on the future of the District of Columbia become part of the Mayor's recommendations to update the Comprehensive Plan, the city's "blueprint" for Washington as we enter the 21st century

## The February ANC Meeting

*Left to Right:  
Toni Cassidy,  
Le Eckles (Chair),  
C.W. Hargraves,  
Loretta Reeves,  
Richard Westbrook*



## Here's the slate of officers running in the upcoming SWNA election...

The following is the slate of officers for election to the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, SWNA. The election will take place at the Safeway on Saturday, March 23, from 10-4. The elected officers will be installed at the annual meeting on Monday, March 25th.

Officers: President - **Dr. Beryl C. Rice**, 431 N St. S.W., 554-4235; Vice President - **Dr. Marc A. Weiss**, 426 O St. S.W., 554-7440; Secretary - **Rev. Dr. Jeanne E. MacKenzie**, 725 3rd St. S.W., 554-8281; Treasurer - **Lonnie Murray**, 520 N St. S.W., 488-8251

District Representatives: #1 - **Carole Early**, 609 H St. S.W., 488-3355, **Zandra Earl**, 923-6th St. S.W., 554-8682; #2 - **Joe Rauscher**, 813 3rd St. S.W., 554-8094, **Andrian Shephard**, 721 3rd St. S.W., 554-8682; #3 - **Walter Brooks**, 472 M St. S.W., 554-4528, **Yvonnier (Bonnie) Staley**, 1450 4th St. S.W., 484-0156, **Antoinette Hunter**, 203 M St. S.W., 554-8464; #4 - **Emma Ward**, 1214 Carrolsbury Place, S.W., 484-8476, **Mattie Callahan**, 203 M St., S.W.; At-Large - **Margaret Feldman**, 1311 Delaware Av. S.W., 554-0242, **Peggy Jackson**, 523 G St., S.W., 554-0015

Come out to vote. Votes will be counted by the League of Women Voters.

## EVANS CONTINUES TO PUSH FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF SYPHAX SCHOOL

The Carrollburg community and James Creek residents continue to suffer from the consequences of the abandoned and dangerous Syphax School property -- most notably, a rise in drug trafficking and its related criminal activity.

In addition to the numerous community meetings I have held regarding the development of this site, I recently met with officials from Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has expressed interest in developing affordable housing on the Syphax School site and there appears to be growing community support for this possibility -- particularly from the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) which has been a leader in this effort.

As a result of my meeting, I contacted Mayor Barry and newly appointed Department of Administrative Services Director Dallas Evans to pressure them to take immediate action. We must accelerate the District's antiquated and bureaucratic process by which we dispense of the Syphax property to whomever we select to develop the site.

I am working with Carrollburg residents, ANC 2D, SWNA, Southwest House and others to ensure this project is given priority attention from all levels of the District government. Equally important, we must increase police presence in this area.

## EVANS CONVENES SOUTHWEST MEETING ON PUBLIC HOUSING

"The State of Public Housing in Southwest -- Where do we go from here and when?" is the theme of the public forum I am convening along with the Resident Council's of Southwest's four public housing facilities on 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26 at the Anthony Bowen School.

The residents of Southwest deserve a safe environment in which to live and raise their children. However, I have heard many disturbing stories from my numerous conversations with Southwest Resident Council presidents: Bobbie McMahan of Greenleaf Extension Addition, Callena Williams of Syphax, Phyllis Martin of James Creek, Judy Jones of Greenleaf and Mary Sessums of Greenleaf Gardens. The residents deserve to know what the Housing Authority's plan of action is and the timetable for action.

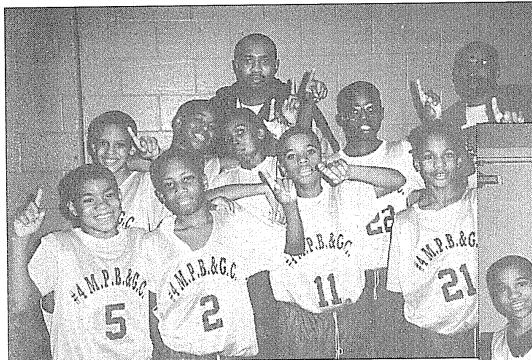
The recent arrival of David Gilmore to the head up the District of Columbia Housing Authority has led to some positive developments -- however, many problems persist. For example, one of my first successes as a Councilmember came nearly five years ago when I secured the installation of a security fence at Greenleaf Garden. However, to this day, the electric gate does not work and the front doors of the building are not always secure!! Overall conditions of all Southwest Housing Developments have gone from bad to worse.

Another example is the King Greenleaf Recreation Center which has been plagued with chronic problems and is unusable. I feel there is a clear connection between the increased drug trade in Southwest and the lack of recreational opportunities for our youth -- leaving them unsupervised and without any positive outlet for their energies. I am working with the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and Resident Councils to secure a renovation, but we have been met with repeated delays and, worse, resistance to our efforts.

If you would like more information on this meeting, please contact either June Hirsh or Schannette Grant of my office at 202-724-8058.

**Age 10 and Under Beats Club Eleven**

The rivalry between the Southwest/Southeast Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club No. 4 and across-the-river Club 11 on Martin Luther King Ave. S.E. reached a fever pitch this month. Club 4 was victorious as our local team of 10 year olds won in the final seconds of overtime.

**CLUB 4'S 12 AND OVER WINS**

In its final game of the regular season a strong team of 12 and under year olds defeated Club 11.

As the Southwester went to print, the citywide playoffs were just beginning.



**Carolyn McCormick**

A Farewell Party was held for Carolyn McCormick, former SW Branch Librarian. It was on December 1, 1995, at Ribster's Restaurant.

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**We have a new branch librarian...**

**M**s. Norberta Winborne has been appointed as the new Branch Librarian at the Southwest Branch Library. Ms. Winborne is dedicated to providing library patrons with the best service possible. She is very excited about the appointment and will become a valuable addition to the library and to the community.

Ms. Winborne has worked for the District of Columbia Public Library for over ten years. She formerly worked at the Petworth Branch Library as an Adult Librarian, at Capital View Library as Branch Librarian, and at both Southeast Branch and Washington Highland as a Children's Librarian. Ms. Winborne has also worked for the Baltimore County Public Library for over ten years and for the Howard County Public Library for a short period.

The new librarian is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, with a Master in Library Science and a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Ms. Winborne is married to Herman O. Robinson and has three sons, Steven Claiborne, Darron Claiborne, and Byron Robinson. She looks forward to becoming a valuable member of the Southwest Community.

Let's make her feel "at home".

**SW DC LINCT is alive and well.**

James Whitaker has been renovating the computers and on the fourth of March, he and Rick Bardach took inventory of what we have. Burnetta Coles is busy with the legal aspects and will soon be paying her neighbors at James Creek a visit to see who is interested in participating in the Time Dollars and the computer aspect of the program. We hope to incorporate this month, and you will be hearing from us



## Theater Review

### The Dance of Death

August Strindberg

by Wallace Babington

Arena Stage has found a way of presenting August Strindberg's bleak drama, "The Dance of Death", as a very funny, entertaining comedy. JoAnne Akalaitis has directed a black, unrelenting domestic conflict as a cheerful tragedy. And she has succeeded immeasurably. It is funny indeed. But it isn't Strindberg.

"The Dance of Death" has been described as one of theater's most intense expressions of black pessimism and hatred. When critics accused Strindberg of being too depressing and bleak, he responded by saying that critics wanted only cheerful tragedies and farces. He preferred the strength that is to be found in cruel struggles; that to him was the source of joy.

The story is that of an artillery captain Edgar and his wife Alice who are locked in a hopeless marriage - a marriage of hell. They can talk to each other and may even be attracted to each other physically - but they both are consumed with a mutual and indescribable hatred. Edgar and Alice are about to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. But they seem destined to celebrate alone - since they live on an island and are virtually friendless because they have withdrawn into their own solitary world of malice.

However, the arrival of Kurt, a quarantine officer transferred to the island, introduces a catalyst for action that throws Edgar and Alice into conflict and venomous, cruel attacks on each other. Both are self-centered and given to temper tantrums that erupt as a result of the monotony of their lives together. The story evolves as a three-way battle in which no prisoner will be taken.

Henry Strozier and Tana Hicken are remarkable in their ability to translate the play's action and text, designed for tragedy, into comic routines that border on vaudeville. The energy level remains at fever pitch and builds to a climax that is hilarious and astounding.

This production will be enjoyed immensely by anyone who does not know Strindberg's work. Forget the play's origin or place in the history of social drama and realistic theater. Just enjoy it as an extremely well directed and acted farce.

And we can perhaps look forward to Arena giving us "Romeo and Juliet" next year as a screwball comedy. It may be funny - but it won't be Shakespeare.

Dance of Death by August Strindberg, directed by JoAnne Akalaitis, Arena Stage in the Kreeger Theater, through March 31.

## Dollars for Scholars

For the second consecutive grading period, the Southwest Community House (SWCH) has presented students who earn top grades with a monetary award. This award, which was begun last Fall, is designed to reward good students for their hard-earned academic accomplishments, as reflected in their report cards.

Students, third grade on up who live in the near Southwest area and who bring in their report cards to the Southwest House, receive \$5 for each "A" and \$3 for each "B" in the primary academic subjects (e.g. English, math, science, foreign languages, computers, etc.). Also, students with perfect attendance earn \$5.

One hundred one (101) students received an award for the second grading period. The SWCH is at 156 Q Street, S.W. (488-7210).

### Dollars for Scholars Recipients February 1996

#### Bowen Elementary

Battle, Ayanah  
Battle, Patrice  
Brown, Dana  
Brawner, Dontria  
Buchanan, Shante  
Byrd, Antawan  
Byrd, James  
Clark, Anissa  
Cooke, Janeshia  
Cooke, Thomas  
Cosey, Danielle  
Dawkins, Theresa  
DeVill, Michelle  
Dunston, Charlotte  
Fell, Jerome  
Gregg, Tara  
Harris, William  
Head, Cynthia  
Head, Darryl  
Head, LaJuan  
Holley, Colin  
Hopkins, Jarvis  
Jackson, Ebony  
Johnson, Rickia  
Jones, Brian  
Jones, Monica  
Jones, Robert  
Lomax, Darius  
Mack, Wayne  
Marsh, Jacqueline  
McKnight, Jesse  
Mooney, Danielle  
Redd, Christine  
Redd, Crystal  
Simmons, David  
Snowden, Jackie  
Spencer, Amanda  
Spencer, Markia  
Stewart, Keyiana

Stubbs, Keishawn  
Sturgis, Antwain  
Sturgis, Delonte  
Tate, Shanika  
Taylor, Shahlaurie  
Thomas, Joseph  
Thomas, Latia  
Washington, Serrita  
Washington, Tierra  
Washington, Tiffanie  
Washington, Tracie  
Watson, Tamisha  
White, Christine  
Evelyn, Lamikah  
Wright, Hollis  
Young, Constance  
Zigler, Christopher

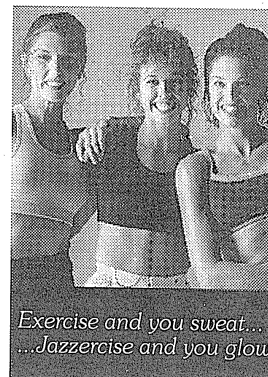
#### Amidon Elementary

Anthony, Ashley  
Argueta, Claudia  
Batchelor, Alicia  
Batchelor, Alinia  
Batchelor, Anthony  
Billingsley, Alana  
Burton, Lakisha  
Ghazizadeh, Tomiz  
Hernandez, Rosa  
Hyatt, Terrel  
McConnel, Andrika  
Norde, Carla  
Norde, Eugenia  
Tucker, Cecelia  
Vinson, Micah  
Williams, Ronald

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#### Jefferson Junior High

Beckwith, Nataya  
Burton, Joqua  
Crawford, Octavia  
Crawley, Harold  
Gamble, DeAngelo  
Harris, Richard  
Henderson, Betty  
Hood, Carlethia  
Johnson, Devin  
Johnson, Donyell  
Jones, Jamal  
Jones, Maurice

Moore, LaShawn  
Paige, Krystal  
Paylor, Iran  
Stevenson, Joeliette  
Stewart, Wallace  
Terry, Talia  
Vinson, Johnathan  
Weston, Rishima  
Williams, Nikea  
Williams, Peppertina  
Wright, Edward  
McConnell, Andrew

## College scholarships for Southwest residents...

SW Residents (zip code 20024) who are high school seniors applying to colleges or college students are invited to apply for a grant from the SW Scholarship Committee, a task force of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Applications will be available at the SW Library on Saturday, April 13, from 11:00 to 12:00. If you cannot make the meeting - you may pick-up the application at the Library. The deadline for returning the application (as well as the necessary paper work), is Friday, May 31st.

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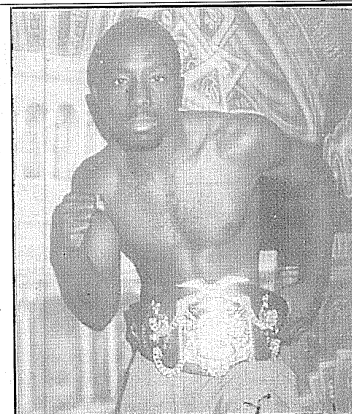
**Mark Harrison...  
'too sharp'**

In the days growing up, there was my neighbor, "little Mark." I have a photographic memory of yesterday - in the early days of the new S.W. I remember his mom being the backbone of his career-before it got started.

I remember that his mother always knew how kids could earn extra cash by working at Elliot School. I thought it was so fabulous that she shared this. A lot of the kids jumped on the band-wagon, held these jobs, and pursued the salaries. My brother was delighted to get a piece of that pie. I was such a mamma's girl that I stayed at home. There would be team uniforms that needed to be washed and Mrs. Patricia would wash them. There were boxers, trainers, people that would be instrumental in Mark's work.

While the rest of the community was concerned with

making it, Mark's career was beginning. He was always a thinker, he struck me with his man-nish, mannerable man-nerism. He was calm and cool like today. He did what it took to be good boxer. He watched, trained, studied, and applied. He grew up around the business. He practiced on the neighborhood kids. I remember the Kings Dominion trip which his family sponsored. I was there. We had a wonderful time. When Mrs. Patricia would do my hair, she would press it and curl it. I



**Mark Harrison**

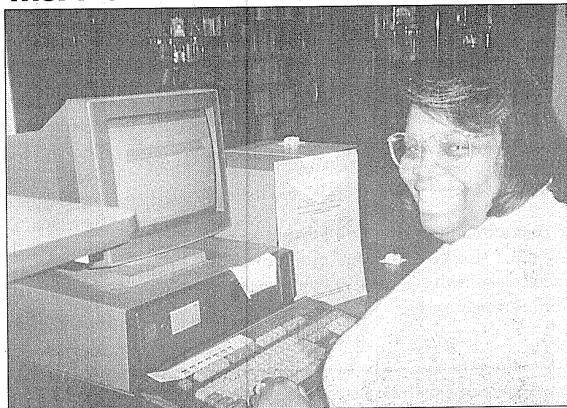
was amazed how fast she could do it. I remember her son saying that she should open a beauty shop. The sister did my hair also. His career was and is very instrumental in a lot of people's lives. Good luck to a Southwest star who is on his way to Mexico.

**Friendship House Clothing Center  
is seeking donations of clothing  
and shoes...can you help?**

Now and throughout the year, the Friendship House Clothing Center is seeking donations of clothing and shoes for all age groups. Although it is located in Southeast, it serves over 400 people each month in different sections of the city, including Southwest.

Donated items should be clean and in good repair. They can be taken to the Center (not to Friendship House itself) at 417 K Street, SE, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. If the Center hours are inconvenient for you, please contact Mr. Jim Beale at (202) 675-9240 or 9241. All donations are tax deductible.

**Meet our new branch librarian...  
Ms. Norberta Winborne**



Help her to compile a list of local businesses and self-employed people living in SW. You can leave your business card at the branch library or you can call the information into the library. The number is 727-1381 or 82.

**Register now for  
the DC Summer  
Jobs Program,  
ages 14-21...**

by Emma P. Ward

The D.C. Department of Employment Services' summer jobs program for DC residents ages 14-21, is now registering applicants. The program will operate from June 24 to August 2.

Applicants must present a Social Security card, a birth certificate, proof of DC residency and family income.

Male applicants 18 and older also need proof of Selective Service registration.

Youth can register at the D.C. Department of Employment Services at 500 C Street, N.W. Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM until 5 PM. You can also register from 8:30 AM until 7 PM on the following Mondays and Wednesdays: March 25, 27, April 1 and 3. April 3 is the last day for registration.

For more information about Saturday hours, call  
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## Jefferson Open House

*Jefferson JHS Jazz Band playing at our Open House for 6th graders from Amidon, Bowen, Van Ness, Thomson ES*



*"Best Friends" welcomes Mrs. Alma Powell to Jefferson*

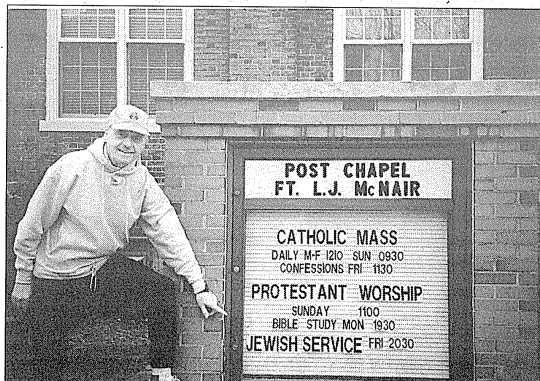
*6th Grader wins door prize (radio) for attending Jefferson's Open House*



## Neither crutches, rain, or snow stops Vincent Queen

by Bertha Hall

A truly great teen is Vincent Queen, Washington Post Delivery person. Many residents in the Capitol Park area, especially the Capitol Park II condominium, wish to express their profound appreciation for his return. A recent mishap resulted in his being absent for a few months. Happily, Vincent is once again among us and out into the community. You were indeed missed. Welcome back, Vincent.



## A new Temple for Southwest...

When Temple Micah moved to NW, it was decided to form a SW Jewish Havaruh which would meet for services.

Fort McNair graciously allowed the group to hold the service in their chapel. They even listed the Jewish Service on their sign.

Several people were instrumental in getting this group started.

The leader, Martin Kushinsky would be glad to give information to any interested people. Call him at 554-3527.

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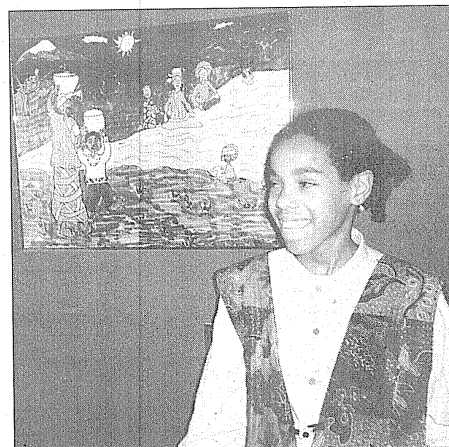
## Amidon students painted illustrations for a world bank publication...

The World Bank has published a book on children around the world and the children of Amidon Elementary School painted some of the pictures used as illustrations.

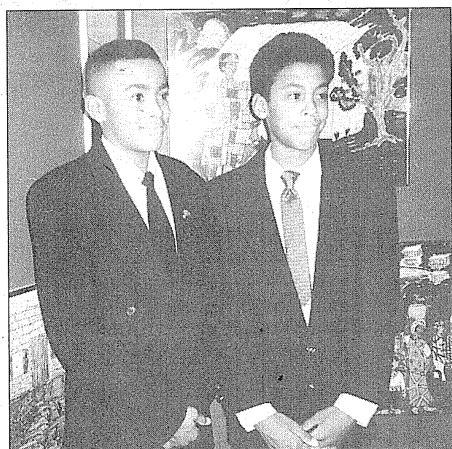
Amidon students were honored at a reception at the World Bank, where copies of the book were on hand and the Amidon paintings were displayed.



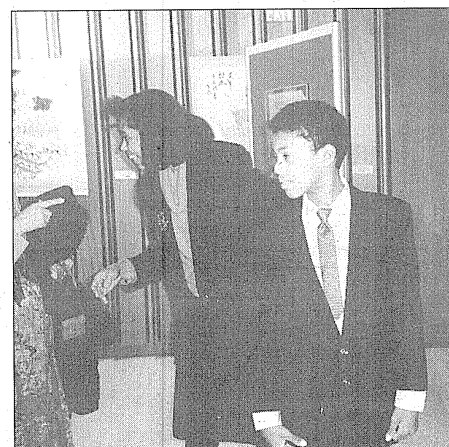
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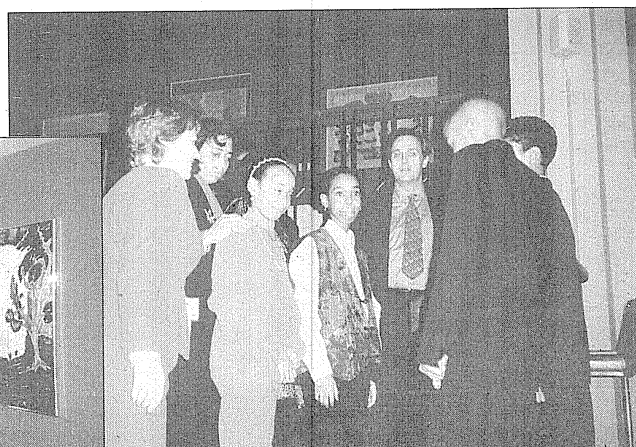


*Jamal Jones and Erik Green*



*Beverly Carpenter and Erik Green*

*Pauline Hamlette, Amidon Principal, and Michelle Edwards*



*L-R Lesley Simmons, Author, Beverly Carpenter, Pauline Hamlette (foreground), Whitni Brown, Mark Malloch Brown - VP, External Affairs - World Bank and Host of the reception, Erik Green and Jamal Jones*